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ELEANOR SIMMONS, *his wife* (1787-1853)

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FOREWORD

This record is published for distribution on the occasion of the annual Ballard Reunion being held June 23, 1935, at McComb, Ohio.

Jonathan Ballard was the eighth child in a family of six boys and four girls. His father Israel was born at Andover, Mass., in 1748, but as a youngster, lived at Willington, Conn., where in 1774 he married Alice Fuller, *his 2d wife*. He served as a private in the Revolution, and soon after removed to Cornish and Plainfield, N. H. In 1791 or 1792 he again moved, with his growing family of whom Jonathan was then the youngest, to New York state and came to Whitestown in the county of Oneida. The house in which he lived at Willington is still standing, but no records found as yet tell where the home in Whitestown was.

Jonathan was descendant in direct line from the following Colonial ancestors:

William Ballard (1617-1689), William Hooper (1617-1678), Christopher Osgood (*d.* 1650), Philip Fowler (1590-1679), James How (1605-1702), John Dane (*d.* 1658), John Peabody (1590-1667), Reginald Foster (1595-1684), Daniel Warner (ca 1618-1688), Thomas Fuller (1618-1690), Anthony Fisher (1591-1671), Thomas Marriott, Richard Edgerton (*d.* 1691/2), William Ripley (1600-1656), Edmund Hobart (1570-1646), Gov. William Bradford (1624-1703/4), Thomas Richards.

THE FAMILY OF
JONATHAN and ELEANOR SIMMONS BALLARD

5.8 JONATHAN BALLARD

Son of Israel and Alice (Fuller) Ballard, b. May 16, 1790, at Plainfield, N. H. ; m. 1st, about 1812, possibly at Paris, N. Y., Eleanor, dau. of possibly Aaron, (b. 1736) Simmons ; m. 2d, July 15, 1857, Frances Yeagley, at Rawson, O., by A. Hodges, J.P. ; d. April 10, 1872 ; buried in the Cannonsburg cem.

At the age of two years brought by his parents to Whitestown, N. Y., and there lived during his boyhood and youth ; on March 10, 1810, received deed to 49 acres of land in southwestern part of town of Watertown, Jefferson co., N. Y., on the Rome state road, nearly opposite the homestead later acquired by his younger brother Samuel ; sold farm on June 25, 1822, and removed to Chautauqua co., purchasing on May 7, 1823, 100 acres some three miles west of Mayville ; this he sold on June 26, 1835, and moved with his family still further west into the state of Ohio. where on May 11, 1837, he received deed from the U. S. government (land grant certificate No. 13491) to 91 acres located in Hancock co., south of Rawson ; later on June 22, 1847, he purchased additional 120 acres in the same township.

His wife, Eleanor, b. September 26, 1787, and d. September 17, 1853 ; she may possibly have been a dau. of Aaron Simmons (b. 1736) of Paris, N. Y.*

Frances, *his 2d wife*, and who survived him, b. ----- ; d. ----- ; she declined June 13, 1872, to act as administrator of the estate and so Isaac Thompson was appointed.

Children (all by 1st wife) :

- 5.81 Franklin Ballard, b. 1814.
- 5.82 Frederick Ballard, b. 1818.
- 5.83 Francis Ballard, b. 1820.
- 5.84 Fayette Ballard, b. 1824.
- 5.85 Fuller Ballard, b. 1828.

5.81 FRANKLIN BALLARD

Oldest *son of* Jonathan and Eleanor (Simmons) Ballard; *b.* June 17, 1814, town of Watertown, Jefferson co., N. Y.; *m.* 1st, Mary Outhwaite, June 21, 1838, by John McKinley, J. P., Hancock co., O.; *m.* 2d, Ann Outhwaite Carpenter, April 6, 1851; *divorced* March 16, 1860; *d.* 1862, in the hospital at Cumberland, Md., as result of wounds received in battle; *buried in* the soldiers cem. at Cumberland.

Civil engineer graduate; first mate on liner on Lake Erie for 18 yrs.; enlisted in 1862 with Co. A, Ohio volunteer infantry.

His 1st wife Mary Outhwaite, *b.* June 8, 1820; *d.* January 14, 1851; *buried in* Cannonsburg cem. *His 2nd wife*, Ann, was Mary's sister; she *m.* 1st, ——— Carpenter.

Children (by 1st wife) :

5.811 Eleanor Ballard, *b.* ———; *m.* Elijah Reese, *d.* ———.

5.812 *son* (name unknown), *b.* ———; *d.* when 14 or 15 yrs. old.

5.813 Frederick G. Ballard, *b.* January 10, 1851; adopted November 2, 1866, by his uncle and aunt, John and Isabella (Outhwaite) Fenton, and thereafter went by name of Fenton; *m.* Mollic Hamilton in 1872; *d.* July 18, 1918, at Toledo.

Children (by 2d wife) :

5.814 Mary Ballard, *b.* ———; *d.* at age of 2 yrs., 9 mos., 8 days.

5.815 Milton Fremont Ballard, *b.* February 6, 1856; *m.* Lydia A. Clark, at Petersburg, Kan., March 2, 1887; address (1935) Wichita, Kan.

5.82 FREDERICK BALLARD

Son of Jonathan and Eleanor (Simmons) Ballard, *b.* July 3, 1818, town of Watertown, Jefferson co., N. Y.; *d.* August 31, 1840, age 22, at Cannonsburg, O., of tuberculosis contracted while working on the Erie and Miami canal; *buried in* the Cannonsburg cem.

In 1835 removed with his parents from Chautauqua co. in New York state to Hancock co., O. On June 26,

1836, he wrote from Fort Finley to his cousin, John Cross, at Fredonia, N. Y., describing the trip ; he said : "Started on journey Oct. 10 ; commenced going to school Oct. 28 and boarded at uncle McDonald's. Franklin is calculating to put in 6 acres of wheat this fall." On July 14, 1839, he again wrote from Fort Finley, asking his cousin to address letters to Croghan, P.O., Putnam co., O.

5.83 FRANCIS BALLARD

Son of Jonathan and Eleanor (Simmons) Ballard, b. November 11, 1820, town of Watertown, Jefferson co., N. Y. ; m. January 1, 1843, at Rawson, O., by Godfrey Wolford, J.P. to Rosanna Elder ; d. Dunkirk, O., August 3, 1903 ; buried in Dunkirk cem.

Came with his parents, in 1835, from Mayville in Chautauqua co., N. Y., to Orange twp. in Hancock co., O. ; for several years employed as teacher during the winter season ; purchased on December 12, 1842, land in Orange twp. ; in 1852 with his brother Fayette and others drove a heard of milch cows thru from Missouri to California ; returned soon after by way of Panama and New York city to Ohio, and lived until 1850 in Orange twp., removing to a new farm near Mt. Blanchard, and in 1863 to a farm near Dunkirk. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

From a sketch read at his funeral by his son-in-law, Rev. A. M. Crist, we quote : "Francis was a typical pioneer—strong, steady, thoughtful, prudent, quick to respond to a call of need ; slow to return an injury ; a man of strong convictions, an insatiate desire for knowledge and a life-long student,—truly a gentleman of culture."

His wife, Rosanna, b. Cohocton co., O., April 4, 1825, the dau. of John and Sarah (Wolford) Elder ; she was two and a half years of age when her parents came to Hancock co. to live ; at twelve years of age her mother died and she became her father's housekeeper. She d.

at Dunkirk, August 20, 1900. The descendants of Francis and Rosanna in 1919 held a family reunion, a custom which has been continued yearly to the present time. The originator of this movement was a granddaughter, Mrs. Inez Crist Huston.

Children :

- 5.831 Emily Ballard, *b.* February 15, 1844 ; *m.* 1865, Hiram Marshall ; *d.* April 19, 1924.
- 5.832 Emaline Ballard, *b.* July 7, 1845 ; *m.* January 1, 1863, Squire Hammond ; *d.* October 28, 1916.
- 5.833 Frederick Ballard, *b.* December 14, 1846 , *m.* 1st, Alice Clark, September 2, 1868 ; *m.* 2d, Emaline Spahr, 1882 ; *d.* May 26, 1887.
- 5.834 Rosella Ballard, *b.* 1849 ; *m.* Andrew Cornell ; *d.* September 27, 1882.
- 5.835 Elizabeth Jane Ballard, *b.* 1851 ; *m.* John Harp ; *d.* November 17, 1888.
- 5.836 Eleanor Flora Ballard, *b.* 1853 ; *m.* Noah Houser ; *d.* October 24, 1882.
- 5.837 Jonathan Ballard, *b.* October 5, 1856 ; *m.* Mary Alice Walker, December 25, 1876 ; *d.* April 22, 1909.
- 5.838 Francis Marion Ballard, *b.* January 1, 1858 ; *m.* Mary Amanda Humphrey, September 1, 1881 ; *d.* June 17, 1918.
- 5.839 Mary Alice Ballard, *b.* August 26, 1860 ; *m.* Austin M. Crist, April 28, 1881 ; lives at Lima.
- 5.83(10) Frances Freelove Ballard, *b.* June 29, 1863 ; *m.* 1st, John Taylor, October 12, 1882 ; *m.* 2d, George Baughman, April 18, 1895 ; lives at New Stark.
- 5.83(11) Cora Ethel Ballard, *b.* August 26, 1865 ; *m.* Montgomery Pealer, October 2, 1884 ; *d.* March 3, 1933.
- 5.83(12) Nellie Canrisca Ballard, *b.* 1870 ; *d.* October 21, 1881.

5.84 FAYETTE BALLARD

Son of Jonathan and Eleanor (Simmons) Ballard, b. Westfield, N. Y., June 15, 1824 ; *m.* by Rev. Reuben French at Findlay, O., December 19, 1861, to Delilah Hartman ; *d.* Hackberry settlement, Lane Co., Kans., April 12, 1885, of typhoid pneumonia ; *buried in* Buda cem., Ness Co.

Began teaching at age of 17 ; special student at Ohio

Wesleyan univ., 1846-48, entering from Mansfield, O.

An obituary notice written in March, 1886 for the Bluffton (O.) News, by William M. McKinley says: "In 1835 Jonathan Ballard with his wife and five sons emigrated to the then wilderness of the west and settled in Hancock Co., O., where he endured hardships and privations which seem almost impossible, cutting the road for miles through the forest to his lands and then putting up a shanty made exclusively of poles. Fayette, the fourth son, was unusually bright and obtained a good common school education by faithful study at home, going to school but very little during the winter. In 1848 he came home from college and improved his new farm. In 1850 he crossed the plains to the gold fields of California, remaining there until the winter of 1853-4 when he returned to Ohio, gathering up a drove of cattle and in the spring returned to California. In the summer of '61 he returned to his home and in December was married. In 1864 he again started to California with a drove of cattle accompanied by the writer, Mrs. Ballard returning to her home to take care of her afflicted mother. Mr. Ballard and his companion returned in October 1865. In 1872 removed to Kennett, Mo., where he engaged in the mercantile business about three years; in 1876 removed to northeastern Missouri, and in the spring of 1879 with his nephew (Milton Fremont Ballard) removed to Kansas, each taking up 160 acres of land, Mrs. Ballard following in the spring. Here he remained until his death. He united with the United Brethren church at Mt. Pisgah, O., 1867, and later after moving west, with the Christian church. It was the writer's privilege to know Mr. Ballard from boyhood, and he was a submissive Christian, unusually patient, and always kind and pleasant to everybody." The 1885 Census lists Fayette as living in Lane Co., Kans. as sheepraiser; his family consisting of *his wife* Della (age 50) and *daughter* Minnie, (age 14).

Children :

5.841 Ellen C. Ballard, b. November 14, 1862 ;*m.* 1st, ———

Harle; *m.* 2d, ———Balliet.

5.842 Frances Ballard, *b.* May 3, 1867; *m.* ——— Martin.

5.843 Mary S. (called Minnie) Ballard, *b.* August 18, 1870;
m. ——— Hartmann.

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5.85 FULLER BALLARD

Son of Jonathan and Eleanor (Simmons) Ballard, b. April 24, 1828, at Mayville or Westfield, N. Y.; *m.* 1st Nancy C. Burns, at Cannonsburg, O., by John N. McKinley, J. P., November 21, 1848; divorced; *m.* 2d, Nellie Brandeberry; *d.* Fitzgerald, Ga., 1894; *buried at Fitzgerald.*

Removed with his parents to Rawson, O., in 1835; taught school; special student at Ohio Wesleyan univ., Delaware, O., 1846-48, entering from Cannonsburg, his address the second year being recorded as Mansfield; enlisted in Civil war in 1862; surgeon; on March 1, 1884, granted by state of Missouri a Board of Health certificate to practice medicine (recorded in county clerk's office at Kennett, Mo.) Removed to Lake Charles, Fla.; and in 1890 went to Fitzgerald, Ga., engaging in the hotel business until his death.

A. J. Spacht, a grandson, describes his grandfather from a picture as being "rather slender, intelligent looking, black moustache and long flowing whiskers. Must have been of a highly nervous, energetic type."

His 2d wife, Nellie, d. at Wawaka, Ind., at age of 80 yrs.; her brother, John Brandeberry, is living (1934) at West Liberty, O.

Children (by 1st wife):

5.851 Ella Ballard, *d.* in infancy.

5.852 Florence Ballard, *b.* July 27, 1854; *m.* Rev. John R. Spacht, November 11, 1875, at Williamstown, Ohio; *d.* May 1908, at Williamstown, and *buried in Eagle Creek cem. on the old Spacht farm.*

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*Note—The record of YEAR and PLACE of the marriage of Jonathan Ballard and Eleanor Simmons we have not as yet been able to establish. In attempting to solve the question the following facts are to be considered :

Jonathan was twenty years of age when he acquired the farm lot in the town of Watertown, some ninety miles to the north of Whitestown, where he had lived with his father as a boy. The date of the deed is March 10, 1810 : His father, Israel Sr., died in September of that same year, where we do not know. His eldest brother, Israel Jr., had purchased a farm the year previous (1809) a few miles to the north of that acquired by Jonathan. On June 7, 1807, the session of the church at Whitesboro, where Israel, Sr. had been a board member from 1795, made record in their minutes that Israel had "removed from our bounds." The entire family of nine children with the exception of Lucy who had married Elias Porter and was living some five miles to the west of Whitesboro and Samuel who was living with his sister's family, may have gone to New Hartford altho that town is but four miles to the south of Whitesboro. At any rate Mary, another of the daughters, and who had married Thomas Kilbourn of Paris on April 7, 1807, is reported in the Kilbourn genealogy as having been married in New Hartford. Her older brother, Daniel, died June 26, 1807, at New Hartford ; and her sister, Hannah, was married to Benjamin Hutchinson on February 9, 1808 in Whitestown, which township then embraced the village of New Hartford.

It is therefore not improbable that Jonathan was living at New Hartford just previous to 1810, and while living there, at least knew Eleanor Simmons. He may have married before going to Watertown or have returned to marry. Their oldest son, Franklin, was born June 17, 1814. There were several related families by name of Simmons living in Paris, a town some five or six miles to the south of New Hartford.

